

Petitions from the colonists in Chalakkudi to transfer the teachers in the colony.

331. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.— (a) ചാലക്കുടി കാളനിയീലുള്ള സ്കൂൾ മാസ്റ്റർമാരെ സ്ഥലം മാറ്റണമെന്നു കാളനീ നിവാസികൾ അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(b) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അക്കാര്യത്തിൽ എന്തു ചെയ്തു?

രാമവർമ്മൻ.— (a) കാളനീ നിവാസികൾ അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

(b) ഉത്തരം അവശ്യമില്ല.

Investigations regarding irrigation projects in the State.

332. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the report of the investigations made by the Public Works Department from the time of Mr. Browning regarding irrigation projects in the State and the amount spent for each investigation?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The attention of the Member is invited to the answer to question No. 641 of the Legislative Session of 30th Meenam 1104 published on pages 1484, Vol. 2, Part II of the printed report.

Reports of further investigations given in the statement appended are placed on the table. (*Appendix XI.*)

An expenditure of Rs. 32,094—9—7 was incurred on these investigations. It is not possible to give the amount in respect of each item separately.

Appointment of an organiser for the Depressed Classes.

333. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.— (a) അധഃകൃതരുടെയിടയിൽ സാമൂഹിക വേലകളോ മറ്റോ ചെയ്യാൻ ആർക്കു നൈസർ എന്നോ മറ്റോ പേരിൽ സി. എം. ചാത്തു എന്നോ രാജെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ടിയാനുള്ള യോഗ്യതകൾ എന്തെല്ലാം; ടിയാൻ ഒരു സ്കൂൾ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിലേയ്ക്കു ട്യൂഷിക്കാമെന്ന് അധഃകൃത സംരക്ഷകൻ വാഗ്ദാനം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(b) ചാലക്കുടി പോലീസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ (മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ടി. തോമസ്സ്) പോലീസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറായിരുന്ന കാലത്ത് മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ചാത്തുവിനെപ്പറ്റി വല്ല റിപ്പോർട്ടും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു ദയവായി മേശപ്പുറത്തുവെക്കുമോ?

രാമവർമ്മൻ.— (a) അധഃകൃതരുടെയിടയിൽ സാമൂഹികവേലകൾ ചെയ്യാൻ ശമ്പളമോ അലവൻസോകൂടാതെ സി. എം. ചാത്തു എന്ന പടനക്കണ്ടക്കനെ കാണറി. കാർഗനെ സ്മരയി നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ടിയാൻ മലയാളത്തിൽ സാമാന്യം

നല്ല വിദ്യാഭ്യാസമുള്ളതിനു പുറമെ അധഃകൃതരുടെ ഗുണത്തിനു വേണ്ടി കൊററനെല്ലർ ദേവവിലാസം ഇൻസ്ട്രിയൽ സ്കൂൾ എന്ന സ്ഥാപനം ടിയാൻ സപ്ത ചിലവിലേക്ക് ഉണ്ടാക്കുകയും അതിന്റെ മാനേജറായി ഭരണം നടത്തുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. മുമ്പിലത്തെ അധഃകൃത രക്ഷകനായിരുന്ന റാവുസാഹിബ് സി. മത്തായി. അവർക്കു്ടെ അനുമതിയോടുകൂടി അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് തൃപ്പൂക്കര മാംവണ്ണം ടിയാൻ അധഃകൃതരുടെ ഇടയിൽ പല പ്രചരണവേലകളും നടത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

അധഃകൃതവർഗ്ഗക്കാരുടെ നന്മക്കു വേണ്ടി പ്രതിഫലമുള്ളതൊക്കെ വേലചെയ്യാൻ സന്നദ്ധതയുള്ള നിസപാത്മബുദ്ധിയുമാണ്. വാഗ്ദാനം ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല.

(b) സി. എം. മാത്ത, എൻ. കെ. തുപ്രർ ഇവർ ബോധിപ്പിച്ച ഒരു ഹർജി മസ്റ്റർ എ. ടി. തോമസ്സ് അന്വേഷിച്ചു വരികയും റിപ്പോർട്ട് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിന്റെ പകർപ്പ് അനുബന്ധമായി ചേർത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. (*Appendix XII.*)

Appointments and promotions made by and increments granted by the acting Diwan.

334. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Government servants.—

- (1) whose appointments have been confirmed ;
- (2) who have been given promotions ;
- (3) who have been given increments of pay ; and
- (4) who have been newly appointed by the acting Diwan ?

• Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Available information is given in the statement appended. (*Appendix XIII.*)

Effect of resignation from service.

335. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (1) what is the effect of resignation on service prior to resignation ;
- (2) was Mr. Kuruvila exempted from the rule regarding this ;
- (3) if so, what was the reason ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Resignation entails forfeiture of past service.

(2) Yes.

(3) He resigned his post in the Education Department only for practising as a lawyer. It is only fair that his service in the Education Department should be reckoned in determining his seniority in accordance with the latest amendment to S. O. No. 16.

foot bridges costing Rs. 2,000 each are also given in the estimate. A sum of Rs. 2,000 is provided as supervision charges.

10. By opening this proposed canal the commercial importance of the town of Irinjalakkuda and industrial activities of the neighbouring villages will be increased considerably. There will also be some relief to the floods in the Muriyad Lake.

APPENDIX XII.

(Vide answer to question No. 333.)

Chalakkudi Inspector's report dated 11th Dhanu 1106.

Adverting to Head Office C. No. 830/1106, dated 1st Dhanu 1106, a petition from one Kanakkan C. A. Chathu and another Thupran saying among other things that they were assaulted and belaboured by some Kanakkans, Ezhuvas and Christians of Potta on the night on 11th Vrischigam 1106, while the petitioners went to the house of one Kanakkan Velandi of Potta for advising their people regarding means of progress in their community, I beg to report that the petitioners had on 18th Vrischigam 1108 produced before me a similar petition. I conducted enquiries into the matter on the receipt of the former petition itself.

I interviewed one Pullen Mathew Varkki, a teacher in the Chalakkudi High School, who, it was said by the petitioners, went to the spot when the assailants were attacking the petitioners. He said that while he was returning home from school after sports practice on the night of 11th Vrischigam 1106, he saw some people gathered in the lane near Kanakkan Velandi's house and petitioner Chathu held by his hand by Thupran. Those people were saying that he would fall in some well or other, if he was to run away rashly and senselessly. He approached them and asked Thupran what the matter was. Then Thupran told him that there was something wrong with Chathu and that he was running to and fro senselessly. He suspected if Chathan was drunk and asked Chakki, Velandi's wife, what it was. She told him that he has gone out of sense by some sorcery at the hands of his enemies. He was a respectable man, and he is a cousin of hers. She showed him a visitor's ticket granted to Chathu for admission into the Legislative Council. People who were there were for taking Chathu to Chalakkudi Police Station. But when he saw the ticket and when Chakki, Velandi's wife, told him that she could keep him safe in the night, he asked those people that they need not worry themselves about Chathu and that Chakki, his sister, would take care of him. Chakki took Chathan to her house where he remained the whole night. The next day, both Chathu and Thupran went to him to express their gratitude to him. Then he asked Chathu to be more careful and cautious in his behaviour. The teacher added that none of the people who were there, did anything to Chathu or Thupran when he was there. On the other hand, both Chakki and Thupran complained to him that Chathu in his senselessness beat them both. The people who were in the lane when he went there, were some of the neighbours. Some of them were 1. തച്ചിലത്ത മാണിക്കൻ, 2. ചെപ്പുകാരൻ കുട്ടൻ, 3. മാഞ്ഞാണ്ടു വാരണി, 4. കൈതാറൻ കൊച്ചുവേലപ്പൻ, 5. വെളിയത്ത അയ്യ, 6. താണിപറമ്പിൽ കൊച്ചുവേലപ്പൻ, 7. കാട്ടുപറമ്പിൽ അയ്യപ്പൻ, and some others. He could not say if any one among those referred to above had beaten Chathu before his arrival there. They were all telling that Chathu was mad or badly drunk. Chathu and Thupran told him the next day that all what had taken place the previous night was due to a fit under the influence of some evil spirit.

I questioned Chathu and Thupran in the presence of the teacher Varkki when they almost admitted the version of the teacher but offered an

explanation that they did tell the teacher in the manner detailed above with a view to pacify their assailants at the moment. One Kanakkan Manikkan was first to beat him (Chathu). They also admitted that they used beedi that night but not Ganja. I then interviewed Velandi, the house-owner. He said that he was not there at the initial stage. When he went home in the night Chathu was kept in his house by their own people.

Chakki says that the petitioners went to her house some two or three nazhikas after sunset on the day and Chathu, her cousin, was reading some paper. Some Ezhuvas went there and there was some altercation. One താണിപറമ്പിൽ വേലപ്പൻ, കാട്ടുപറമ്പിൽ അയ്യപ്പൻ and ആരേപറമ്പിൽ കോരപ്പൻ മകൻ were the Ezhuvas. Ayyappan first beat Chathu. Then Chathu ran to and fro. They (the Ezhuvas) then raised a hue and cry that a mad man was there. People gathered and there was beating. She mentions the names of persons already referred to. After some time, Chathu was caught. They were about to take him to the Police Station when Varkki master went there. She kept Chathu in custody the whole night.

I was able to interview one Veliyeth Aipu and another താണിപറമ്പിൽ വേലപ്പൻ alone among the neighbours. They say that they went there hearing a hue and cry. Chathu was running to and fro as a mad man. They took him for a mad man. Chakki was telling that he was under the influence of some sorceress act. They wanted to take him to the Police Station in the night alone. But Varkki master said that Chakki would see that Chathu was properly safeguarded. Some of those who went there might have beat Chathu as he was acting as a mad man. They did not do him any harm.

I directed those people to fetch and take the others to me. But none of them has turned up. Probably they were afraid that they would be molested.

From the enquiries so far it is seen that the petitioners had been to Velandi's house when an untoward event had happened. What the real cause is is not clear. According to the petitioner, one Kanakkan Manikkan had some grudge to him, and it was he who first beat him. There was nothing to show that Manikkan expected him there that night. Again, Chakki, Chathan's sister, says that it was Ezhuvan Velappan who first beat Chathu, and that there was no Kanakkan there at the outset. Thus, their versions are contradicting.

On the other hand, the behaviour of Thupran and Chathu, the petitioners, on the night in question gave ample room to suspect that Chathu was under the influence of some intoxication either drink or Ganja smoke. The running to and fro by one who was an utter stranger to those people in the night led them to think that Chathu was mad and they strove to bring him under control to be taken to the Police Station. Probably, some of them might have even used force also.

In the morning, when Chathu and Thupran recovered their senses they thought that their conduct was disgraceful, especially when they have gone there for preaching for the progress of the community, on sobriety, etc. They thought that the people mock at them when they go amidst them another time with their preaching. I wanted to meet the other people referred to in the report, hear them, and warn them, if found necessary.

I met the Assistant to the Protector and explained to him the result of my enquiry. He wanted me to go to the spot once more and see that no such thing takes place. Chathu and Thupran were also present. I asked him to instruct and direct the petitioners to mend their ways and behaviour. The Assistant to the Protector and myself advised Chathu and the other petitioner not to give occasion in their movements for such misapprehensions.

(True copy)

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Commissioner of Police.